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Re: Appl. No. 09/599,255; Filed 06/23/00
For: **Rechargeable Mobile Hand-Held Fingerprint Scanner
With a Data and Power Communication Interface**
Inventors: MCCLURG *et al.*

From: Jeffrey S. Weaver

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Our Reference: 1823.0080001

Message

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1. Copy of postcard stamped October 10, 2000;
2. Copy of SKGF Cover Letter
3. Copy of Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Copy of PTO-1449 listing 4 references.

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1. USPTO Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet) and accompanying (4) references (and copy of Search Report); and
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Inventors: McClurg *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0080001/MVM/LMM

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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October 10, 2000
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

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Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. A separate Petition to the Group Director, requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, is concurrently submitted herewith, along with our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

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- ☒ 4. The document(s) was/were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the search report is enclosed herewith. Submission of an English language version of the search report that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38.
- ☐ 5. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
- ☐ 6. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- ☐ 7. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under

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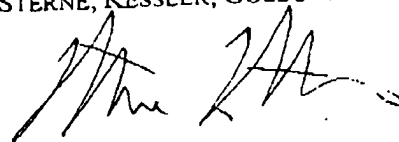
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§ 1.98(d).

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	AM1						Yes No
	AN1						Yes No
	AO1						Yes No
	AP1						Yes No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AR	1	Sluijs F. et al.: "An on-chip USB-powered three-phase up/down DC/DC converter in a standard 3.3 V CMOS process" 2000 IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference. Digest of Technical Papers (Cat. No. 00CH37056), 2000 IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference. Digest of Technical 2000, Piscataway, NJ, USA. IEEE, USA ISBN: 0-7803-5853-8
AS	1	European Patent Office, Patent Abstract of Japan, Publication No. 10262071, 9/29/98; one page.
AT	1	European Patent Office, Patent Abstract of Japan, Publication No. 11252489, 9/17/99, one page.

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